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Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana and LaDonna Harris, wife of presidential hopeful Sen. Fred Harris, at the mini-convention in Springfield.



Neil Miller

## Gay Issue Hits Presidential Race

By David Brill

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Five Major candidates for the 1976 Democratic presidential nomination were unable to avoid discussing the issue of gay rights last week at the Northeast Democratic Conference, held on the Sept. 27 weekend at the Springfield Civic Center. The Conference, one of five regional conclaves sponsored by Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) and several organized labor unions, had originally been scheduled to meet in Boston, but was moved to Massachusetts' second-largest city for fear of anti-busing machinations.

Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts and Lt. Gov. Mary-Ann Krupsak of New York were honorary chairpersons for the event. U.S. Rep. Edward P. Boland (D-Mass.) of the Second Congressional District, who was among the first to speak, introduced national ADA president, U.S. Rep. Donald Fraser (D-Minn.), the initiator of these regional conferences, and a co-sponsor of the federal gay rights bill.

Seven candidates had been slated to attend the event. However, Gov. Milton Shapp of Pennsylvania was unable to attend due to severe flooding in his state over the weekend. Also, former North Carolina Gov. Terry Sanford was on the program, but did not appear because, according to Mass. ADA president, Steven Cohen, "he could not make it on time." A four-member panel of press and labor people, along with 2,000 conference attendees, presented questions after opening remarks to the five candidates present, who included (in order of appearance) former U.S. Sen. Fred Harris of Oklahoma, former Gov. Jimmy Carter of Georgia, U.S. Rep. Morris K. Udall of Arizona, Indiana Sen. Birch Bayh, and 1972 vice-presidential nominee R. Sargent Shriver.

Harris

If elections were won on charisma and spirit, Fred Harris would have the nomination locked up. His supporters

were the youngest, loudest, and most enthusiastic at the convention. His platform on gay rights — unlike any other candidate — appears in almost every piece of campaign literature, and it is strongly supportive and unequivocal.

"You are either for equal rights or you are not," Harris stated. When asked his position on Rep. Bella Abzug's bill, HR 5452, the federal gay rights bill, he roared, "I do support the Abzug bill. For goodness sakes, the government has enough to do without wondering what people do in the privacy of their own bedrooms." The huge ovation which Harris received following his remarks was more surprising than his frankness.

In his position paper entitled "Sexism," Harris elaborates. "I am against all discrimination. I co-sponsored and strongly supported the Equal Rights Amendment in the U.S. Senate. I believe in federal affirmative action, equal rights, and am against discrimination on the basis of sex and lifestyle. And I believe the government should not discriminate on the basis of private sexual preference."

His "Civil Liberties — the Right to Privacy" platform echoes those feelings. "We must eliminate those government intrusions into our private lives which are neither warranted by results nor justified by the goals they're supposed to achieve. The government has enough to do without involving itself in the private sexual acts of its citizens, homosexual or otherwise. It has no business telling people what they can read."

Harris' wife, LaDonna, who is a Comanche Indian, is an organizer with the National Women's Political Caucus and the National Organization for Women. His candidacy has been supported by NWPC vice-presidential nominee, Sissy Farenthold of Texas, as well as Gloria Steinem, publisher of *Ms.* magazine.

Locally, state Rep. Doris Bunte

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## "Queen City" Murder

By David Brill

MANCHESTER, N.H. — The body of a well-known Manchester gay man was found on Sept. 10 by police here in what one police source termed the first killing of its kind in "Queen City." Kenneth Dunlap, 30, was discovered lying naked in his bed with four bullet wounds in his skull. A gay woman and friend of his forced her way into his apartment after he did not answer, and discovered the body. The police medical examiner indicated Dunlap had been dead for about twelve days.

An arrest warrant has been issued for Joseph Lister, also 30, a Methuen native with a long criminal record, with whom Dunlap had been living for about three weeks. Lister, a known hustler, reportedly met Dunlap outside the Sheraton Carpenter Hotel in Manchester, a local cruising area. He is wanted by police in Somerville (Mass.) for a similar, though non-fatal, offense, and by Lawrence (Mass.) authorities for the abduction and robbery of a Lowell cab driver. Police records show his date of birth to be Aug. 17, 1945; brown hair and eyes, trim build, height 5'8".

Manchester Police Det. John Crotty

told GCN that Dunlap's car, cat and dog were also missing after the incident. The vehicle has not been seen since, although Lister reportedly was seen on Sept. 26 in another car, this one a brown 1965 Ford Galaxie 500. The dog is a large, black, cocker spaniel about two years old. Also missing were Dunlap's personal bank checks, a forged one of which has turned up in Lowell.

Dunlap was a regular customer at the Club 484 in Manchester, and also frequented the city's other gay bars. A friend of his told GCN that he was constantly being warned by his associates of the dangers of his street-cruising habits. Lister allegedly shot Dunlap (in his sleep) after Dunlap told him that unless he found a job to support himself, he could no longer live in the apartment.

Lister is considered to be armed and "extremely dangerous," and persons having possible information as to his whereabouts should immediately contact Det. John Crotty at the Manchester Police Dept., tel. (603) 624-4331. Police suspect that he may be either in the Boston or Lowell areas, although there has been no sighting of him since Sept. 26.



Joseph Lister, suspect in Manchester murder.

## Lotman Resigns

NEW YORK — Loretta Lotman has resigned as Media Director of the National Gay Task Force. Lotman's resignation becomes effective this Friday although she will still be available for consultation until a successor is announced.

Lotman emphasized that her decision was "purely personal." She said that she was leaving "on the best terms possible with the Task Force."

Lotman told GCN that she had "always wanted to be a writer but had gotten sidetracked by coming out and getting involved in the gay movement." She said that she has a "real desire" to get back to writing at this

point in her life.

"I'm not deserting the movement. I'm simply taking a new direction," she said. She's presently working on a series of skits called the "Trans-Lesbianic Follies." She described the skits as a "goof" and talked about the necessity for gay people to learn to "laugh at themselves." She is also working on a play and is planning to do some freelance writing.

Lotman said that she is satisfied that the "media movement" is well underway and working well. She indicated that it's no longer necessary "to babysit for the networks." The Media Alert will continue, she emphasized.





## news notes

### HCHS DRUG PROGRAM

BOSTON — The Homophile Community Health Service has received licensing as a drug treatment facility from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Dept. of Mental Health, Division of Drug Rehabilitation. This is for a specially funded drug rehab program which was recently funded by the Division of Drug Rehabilitation. The program's director is Mr. Steven Dudley, a long time staff person with HCHS. The program will begin with two self help groups under Steve's direction and leadership. The program is offered free of charge to all persons in our population. Details and information regarding the program can be obtained by calling HCHS at 542-5188, Monday through Friday, 1:00 pm — 9:00.

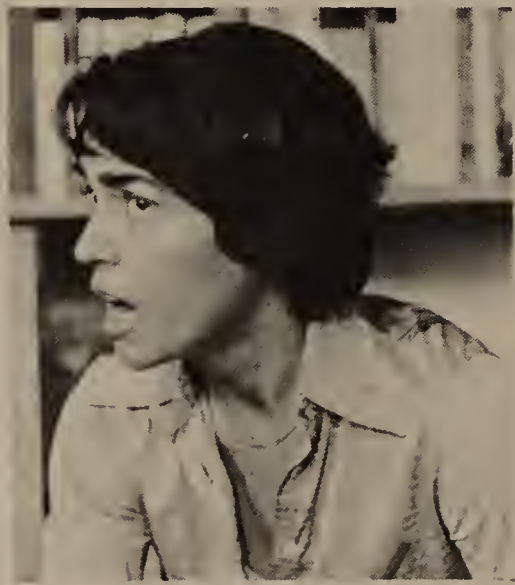
### RUSSIAN DIRECTOR SEARCH

PARIS — French filmmakers are reportedly considering petitioning the Russian government to find out what has happened to the celebrated director, Sergei Paradjanov. Paradjanov is highly respected in the West for his film, *Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors*, considered one of the masterpieces of Russian cinema. He was convicted by a Soviet court of a variety of charges, including homosexuality. His most recent film, *Sayat Nova*, was never shown in the West.

### GAY BOOK AWARD

SAN FRANCISCO — The fourth annual Gay Book Award has gone to the collection of writings titled *Homosexuality, Lesbians and Gay Men in Society, History, and Literature*. The collection, edited by Jonathan Katz and published by Arno Books, consists of 54 books and two periodicals, most originally published between 1819 and 1972 and since gone out of print.

The award was made by the American Library Association's Task Force on Gay Liberation during the annual conference of the association here. Last year's choice was Dr. Jeannette Foster's *Sex Variant Women in Literature*, a critical study of lesbianism in literature. This book will be republished late this year by Diana Press of Baltimore.



### RITA MAE MEETS PUBLIC

BOSTON — Rita Mae Brown, author of the best-selling autobiographical novel *Rubyfruit Jungle* and other works, will be part of the visiting author series of Paperback Booksmith this month. She will be at the Booksmith at 753 Boylston St., across from the Pru, on Oct. 14 from 12:15 to 12:45 to sign copies of her book, and to chat.

### AFFIRMATION '76

LOS ANGELES — Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, has proclaimed "Affirmation '76," a year-long program to culminate in the MCC national convention in Washington, D.C., next summer.

"More than a thousand of us will be going to Washington to affirm our rights as gay people to 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,'" Perry said. "Affirmation '76 will show that even as other groups have organized to gain their rights, gay people are called now, as the Bible tells us, 'to proclaim liberty in all the lands.' By affirming ourselves as liberated gay people and as Christians with a story to tell to the nations, we affirm the American Revolution in its Bicentennial Year," he said.

To assist in preparations for the 1976 General Conference, UFMCC is opening a Washington office Oct. 1 at 110 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington.

### BOSTON PARENTS OF GAYS

BOSTON — The Homophile Community Health Service of Boston is starting a support group for parents and relatives of gay people. A knowledgeable family counselor will participate in the "rap" groups which will meet weekly as of Monday, October 13, at 7:00 PM.

The purpose of the group will be "to seek out these parents (of gays) to help them along the route to acceptance and understanding of their children and of their own confusion and turmoil."

For further information, people are urged to contact David Griffiths at 542-5188 or 542-6075.

### DIGGERS DEFEND

SAN FRANCISCO — Emmett Grogan, head of the Diggers, has lambasted Christian fundamentalist opponents of gay rights and promised to defend the gay community. At a press conference in San Francisco, the head of the almost legendary counter-culture group said that he could understand the concern of gays because of "the whooping up of violence by Bible-banging right-wing rednecks who yelled for Barabas in their past lives."

Although not a homosexual, Grogan indicated that the Diggers are organizing to defend the gay community. Grogan said that rumors circulated in the Sixties that he had formed his own "private army" might "receive some substantiation in events to come."

### SWINTON ACQUITTED

NEW YORK — A jury here has found Pat Swinton (Shoshana) innocent of charges that she conspired to blow up government buildings as part of anti-war protests in 1969. The FBI had recently apprehended Swinton working in a health food store in Brattleboro, Vt., after a five year search.

The defense called no witnesses whatsoever in the week-long trial. Two key witnesses refused to testify against the radical woman and the "informer" in the case was unable to identify Swinton as she faced him in the courtroom.

The acquittal of Swinton marked another key defeat for the government in its prosecutions of radicals.

### CALIF. JOB RIGHTS ROUTED

SACRAMENTO — Gay job rights are dead in the California legislature for this session. The momentum begun by the passage of the consenting sex law failed to prove self-generating as the state Assembly voted 43 to 23 against a bill to protect gays from discrimination in public and private employment.

Laughter was heard as the bill's title was read to the House and one legislator was heard to exclaim, "I am sick and tired of being subjected to the morals of San Francisco." However, many legislators did speak in favor of the bill and one state representative, John Vasconcellos (D. San Jose) said, "this bill is one more step and one more statement that we value the human being in terms of who he or she is and chooses to be, and not conditionally on whether they look like I do, drink or sleep with whomever I do or whatever else."

Once again the issue of gay teachers seemed a large consideration in the minds of the legislators. Rep. Mike Antonovich, a Glendale Republican, represented this view. "Parents want those teachers who represent what is healthy, normal, and right for their children," he said. Not one Republican voted in favor of the legislation.

### JANE O'LEARY NOMINATED

NEW YORK — Jane O'Leary, New York activist and one of the founders of Lesbian Liberation, has been nominated by the staff of the National Gay Task Force to serve as its legislative director. The position has been held by Nat Rockhill. O'Leary's nomination will go to the board of directors on Oct. 6. It is expected to be approved.



## MAINE LINE

By S. W. Henderson

OGUNQUIT — Informed sources tell us that the SAGA-MGTF boycott of Wells-Ogunquit has had its effect. In what was expected to be a record tourist season in the Pine Tree State, Ogunquit business people were heard to complain that trade was considerably below normal. Thanks to all of you who valued gay pride and freedom enough to boycott. Keep up the good work. There has been no appreciable decline in Wells-Ogunquit homophobia as yet, so gay people are advised to maintain the quarantine of this dangerous disease.

OLD ORCHARD BEACH — The Red Carpet is a new gay establishment here, which serves drinks, a little expensive but good and not watered, and has a dance floor and danceable music. Same-sex dancing is A-OK. The management prefers gay people as customers. A motel with the same policies is attached. There may soon be an after-hours breakfast. This reporter considers the place well worth checking out. Watch for a full fledged review in the *Maine Gay Task Force Newsletter*.

BRUNSWICK — The Maine Gay Task Force is holding dances every other week in the Unitarian Church on Pleasant Street. The next one is on Oct. 18. The dances will take place from 9 to 12, with a \$1 donation requested, but no one will be turned away. BYOB, no drugs please.

### SOUTH SMILES ON GAYS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The "New South" smiled on gays recently when Governor Pryor of Arkansas signed a comprehensive criminal reform package. The change in the criminal code included a total repeal of the state's sodomy laws. The age of consent in Arkansas under the new law is 16 years old.



### MATLOVICH AT BLACK CONF.

BOSTON — T/Sgt. Leonard Matlovich will participate in a workshop at the National Student Coalition Against Racism (NSCAR) conference to be held at Northeastern University this weekend. The workshop called "The Relationship Between the Gay and Civil Rights Movements" is part of the large convention of black youth.

Bruce Voeller of the National Gay Task Force and Bay Area Gay Liberation are among the sponsors of the conference. Also listed as endorsers of the conference are Rep. Bella Abzug, Flo Kennedy, Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinam, the National Student Association, and the National Education Association.

The conference will start on Friday night, Oct. 11, with a symposium featuring Jonathan Kozol, educator and writer, lawyers for Joanne Little, Tom Atkins of the Boston NAACP, and Luis Fuentes, suspended New York District One supervisor. Matlovich's workshop is to be held on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Ken Withers of the Northeastern Gay Student Organization told GCN, "This conference could represent a historic turn in the relationship between the Gay Movement and the Civil Rights Movement. This is the first time in my memory that the main line of the civil rights movement invited Gay Community participation. We have a chance here for a significant breakthrough — a concrete coalition between the two movements."

Registration will take place in Cabot Gym at Northeastern. The fee will be \$1.50 per day or \$4.00 for the entire conference. There will be a conference information center and press room set up either in the gym or in the Afro-American Institute on Leon Street. The place for the gay-black workshop is not known at this time but it will definitely be on Saturday at 3 p.m. For more information people are urged to call 262-4180.





Doreen Querido

Women and men rally on the Green in New Haven. In the foreground is Nancy Wechsler.

## 400 Rally To Back Political Prisoners

By Lisa I. Schwartz

NEW HAVEN — The rain was slowing down as people filled the New Haven Green last Saturday. A member of the New Haven Defense Committee strode confidently onto stage and opened the demonstration, saying, "As you can see, we've conveniently arranged for the sun to come out."

Political activists and lesbian-feminists had traveled from all over the East Coast to show their support for Jill Raymond, Ellen Grusse, and Terri Turgeon, confined in prison for refusing to testify before a grand jury called by the FBI to investigate the Saxe/Power case.

The demonstration was marked by an intense commitment to political work and thought as opposed to the party-like atmosphere of many political demonstrations. Speakers from many groups, such as Lesbian-Feminist Liberation, American Indian Movement, and the Black Liberation Army spoke not only of their specific work and ideology, but of their relationship to the struggle of the imprisoned women.

In an opening statement by the New Haven Defense Committee, the audience was told, "We don't believe that the U.S. Government will peacefully accommodate our struggles. We support our sisters and brothers in parallel movements." The woman who gave that statement spoke of the Black Liberation Army's dual struggle against racism and capitalism, the Puerto Rican fight for independence, and Saxe's integrity and courage. It was not a lip-service commitment; one got the feeling that these people had seriously thought of both the differences and

similarities between the lesbian-feminists and other groups on the left.

The eclecticism was most evident when a member of the Black Liberation Army was followed by Doctor Spock, pediatric physician and member of the Peoples' Party where he worked with Jill Raymond.

Spock spoke of visiting Jill in jail, of feeling "like a nasty old man" when he hugged Jill under the scrutiny of the jail matron. He told of her lack of bitterness or discouragement and the need for a national mobilization of support. "There is no point in her staying in jail unless we rally indignant movement to intimidate the repressive efforts of the FBI, CIA, and Federal Government."

Later in the program, a personal greeting from the absent Jill Raymond was read. "Thank you for being here," she wrote. "Many people have called me a victim — a victim to me indicates a total lack of control. Though I didn't ask for the battle I have consciously joined the war. We have made a conscious effort to embrace our sisters and oppose the system. I would like to address myself to the SLA: 'Prepare to meet the victims of the system. In prison you will grow strong as well as struggle'."

There was a sense of dialogue between movements at the New Haven rally, not angry rhetoric between warring factions. A woman from the Communist Party running for mayor of New Haven leafletted for her campaign. She wandered through a group of lesbians from the woman's bar in Boston and was spoofed by the guerrilla theatre group. People traded ideas, information, and hugs.

[To be continued next week]

## Matlovich Wows Amherst Audience

By David Steven Ritchkoff

AMHERST — Tech/Sgt. Leonard Matlovich spoke Monday, Sept. 29, to a near capacity crowd at the Student Union ballroom at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst in what was Western Massachusetts' gay social event of the season. The talk, sponsored by the People's Gay Alliance, Gay Women's Caucus, and the Veteran's Coalition, highlighted a day of activity for Air Force Sgt. Matlovich, the subject of a recent cover story in *Time* magazine, who addressed the audience on "Homosexuality and the Military."

The day began with a brief press conference held in the Union's Colonial Lounge attended by Springfield's Channel 40, Boston's Channel 7, and a host of other local newspapers and radio stations. A shy, nervous Matlovich opened himself up for questioning. With each question and response he seemed to gain strength and began to approach his answers with the sincerity that pervades his personality. This conference was followed by video-taped interviews for the local Amherst cable television and Boston's Channel 7.

Audio difficulties marred radio transmission of the evening lecture and forced Matlovich to speak for most of the hour and a half speech without the aid of a mike. Matlovich expressed his nervousness at speaking to such a large audience and hopped off the platform in order to be closer to the people.

What occurred in his speech became less and less a discussion of the military per se and more of a discussion of one man's personal journey in the coming out process and his subsequent media coverage because of that coming out.

Matlovich made it clear that he was speaking primarily to Gays. He began with a clear story of his background, heavily grounded on military doctrine, including being born, raised, and educated on an air force base. Addi-

tionally he reviewed his Southern racism which he says began him on the road to self re-evaluation after training at the Defense Race Relations Institute in Florida. Conservatism, Matlovich claims, was his crutch against his own homosexuality. By grasping onto the politics of Barry Goldwater, by converting from Catholicism to Mormonism and by volunteering three times for duty in Viet Nam, he hoped to remain in his sexual and political closet.

However, the Institute's training helped him realize the politics of being Gay long before he had actually experienced the sexual and emotional aspects of homosexuality. "The harder I cried the more I became Gay," is how Matlovich stated his dilemma. Through his eventual contact with the ACLU and Washington activist Frank Kameny, he decided to write the letter that has catapulted him into a national spotlight.

Matlovich's words were infused with an innocent belief that he has already won even if his court case loses. But Matlovich clearly has difficulty in relating himself to the negative aspects of the military machine. In one instance in the question and answer period following the talk, Matlovich defended his Viet Nam duty with the fact that he was not in frontline duty but worked as a map-maker. He sincerely could not see the relation that such work could have to the oppressive organization of the military.

Matlovich hopes to raise one million dollars to hire full time lobbyists and lawyers to push through an amendment to the Civil Rights bill and end discrimination against Gays whom he feels are "the most deeply oppressed people in the world." To end, Sgt. Matlovich called upon the audience to become the "shining stars" that they really are; be proud, and to make America a "people-oriented" place to live.

## Sipple Sues Seven Papers

SAN FRANCISCO — Oliver Sipple, the man who saved President Ford's life in the most recent assassination attempt, is suing seven major newspapers for \$15 million. Sipple filed the suit in San Francisco last Wednesday, charging the newspapers with "invasion of privacy" because they pub-

lished reports which "disclosed that the plaintiff is homosexual in his personal and private sexual orientation."

According to Sipple's lawyer, Atty. John E. Wahl, Sipple's family stopped speaking to him after the press published reports that the ex-Marine was gay. In addition, said the lawyer, Sipple has been held up to "contempt, ridicule, and humiliation."

"He saved the President's life," said his lawyer, "but that doesn't give the press the right to pry into his personal and private sexual orientation." Sipple deflected a gun from the hand of Sara Jane Moore as she attempted to shoot Ford on Sept. 22.

*San Francisco Chronicle* columnist Herb Caen originally broke the story and it was picked up by the *Los Angeles Times* which distributed the story throughout the country. The defendants in the Sipple suit include the two California newspapers as well as the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Denver Post*, *Des Moines Register*, *Indianapolis Star*, and the *San Antonio Express*. Neither the *Boston Globe* nor *GCN*, both of which ran the story, were named in the Sipple suit.

leave transsexuals and transvestites out of the gay rights bills and to drop the public accommodations sections of the bills. Spear did this in order to sway the votes of wavering legislators. The Baker group responded to Spear's concessions by disrupting hearings on the gay rights bills, holding a press conference in the Capitol's men's room and other outrageous behavior. The gay rights bill was defeated.

Explaining his support of his "straight" Republican friend Carter, Baker said, "I think this district can and should have a senator who is committed to full and complete equality for gay people."

The man behind Carter, however, is his campaign manager, gay lawyer Jack Baker, who has had a long-running feud with Spear. Baker at one point had criticized Spear for heading a gay organization called the Minnesota Committee for Gay Right, while the senator was still in the closet. Spear came out a short time afterward, in an interview which was printed on the front page of the *Minneapolis Star*.

Baker and his allies had denounced Spear for "selling out" by agreeing to

## Gay Rep. Faces Vote Challenge

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota's openly gay state Senator Allan Spear is facing a challenge from a "straight" candidate who is being supported by a more "militant" faction of the Minnesota gay community. Steve Carter, a 25-year-old former University of Minnesota student body president, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination to oppose Spear, a Democratic-Farmer-Labor candidate.

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## EDITORIAL

There is hardly a day that goes by without some new "revelation" of FBI and CIA harassment of American citizens. Within the last two weeks alone, there have been reports of 238 FBI break-ins in the interests of "national security," descriptions of the proposed assassination of columnist Jack Anderson by the CIA, admissions of reading of the mail of Senator Kennedy and even former President Nixon. It appears likely that the public will soon come to treat this barrage of reports of violence to our civil liberties as everyday occurrences.

People in the gay and feminist communities have had a first-hand look at the same kind of police-state tactics during the last eight months as the FBI combed lesbian feminist communities in search of political fugitives Susan Saxe and Kathryn Power. The infiltration of organizations, the herding of people before grand juries, the imprisonments of women who refused to inform on their friends, all of these violations of basic rights are a microcosm of the FBI-CIA outrages that are being exposed daily in the press. Although the "straight" media ignored the entire issue until its victims were powerful men in Washington, GCN has felt that it was important to expose these abuses from the very beginning. Last week in New Haven, a demonstration was held to support

The insensitive "straight" press has given the gay community a hero. The cost to Oliver "Mike" Sipple is not yet fully known. Disowned by his family, shunned by his friends. This seems to be an awful steep price to pay for saving the President's life.

To zero in on Mike's homosexuality, whether to further one's own cause or for sensationalizing a news story, is reprehensible. Especially when everyone is well aware that to be openly gay in today's society is to be openly held up to ridicule and scorn. Gay hero/ines should be "gay" hero/ines only at their say so. Otherwise just plain

## lesbianism

Editor, GCN,

We were delighted to see "Defining Lesbianism" on page 7 of the Sept. 27 GCN.

However, you failed to indicate that what you printed was an EXCERPT of our paper, and not the complete thing — so that some of it was necessarily out of context. The paper relates in part to situations in NOW-NJ and also contains a section on Lesbian oppression which we consider important.

For anyone wanting a copy of the complete position paper entitled "An Attempt at Defining Lesbianism" please send 25 cents to United Sisters, Box 41, Garwood, N.J. 07027.

Liz of UNITED SISTERS

## lacking depth and insight

GCN, Folks:

Nice to read your coverage of the defeat of Intro 554 in the New York City Council.

But it lacked some depth and insight, and made two errors. Concerning the latter, the Councilwoman depicted on the cover is Miriam Frielander, not Carol Greitzer. And it certainly wasn't Angelo Arculeo who said he would lose his faith in the Democratic party and might join the Communist party. Arculeo is a beast, a Republican-Conservative from Brooklyn. The reference you intend is to Luis Olmedo, a young Puerto Rican Democrat from Brooklyn.

The issue is whether GCN is willing or able to expand and improve its NYC coverage. We are desperate, and we hoped for some time that GCN might fill a vacuum down here.

There is lots to write about: the health and decline of various NYC gay groups, the differences between the groups in backing the gay rights bill, for example, and efforts to set up a gay center here.

Anyway, thanks,  
Philip G. Ryan

three women who have been imprisoned for refusing to cooperate with grand juries in the investigation of women's communities. Jill Raymond remains in a Kentucky jail where she has been imprisoned since March 8; Ellen Grusse and Terri Turgeon are still in jail in Niantic, Connecticut. Their only crime was to refuse to "talk" about their friends and about the gay and women's movements.

For a long time the FBI and CIA have been doing on a less visible scale what the press is revealing in a more sensational way now — that is, attempting to harass and demoralize individuals and groups who are actively working for social change in this country. Whether the target is "liberal-radical" congresspeople or lesbian feminists, whether they go after Jack Anderson or Jill Raymond, certain segments of America's power structure clearly perceive people working to change the system as threats to their economic and political domination. And their agents, the FBI and the CIA, will violate anyone's civil liberties to preserve the *status quo*.

It is extremely vital that gay women and men stand up to police-state tactics from whatever their source and protect our rights. The three women who remain in prison are defending the liberties of every one of us; they deserve our utmost admiration and support.

hero/ine is good enough.

The need for gay hero/ines (as role models for young gays) is extremely important if gays are ever to have a sense of self esteem. But the cruelty of forcing Mike Sipple "out of the closet" is not the way to create gay hero/ines. It is the way to destroy gay individuals.

Every gay person, whether closeted or open, should be able to sympathize with Mike Sipple and the injustice done to him. We must all work together to reach the point where the revelation of one's sexual preference can no longer be used as a sensational device to sell newspapers.



## best interests of gay people

Dear GCN:

It was gratifying to read that Mayor Kevin White is willing, if re-elected, to issue an executive order adding "sexual preference" to Boston's Affirmative Action plan. As David Brill pointed out (GCN, Sept. 20), this action would not require approval by the City Council. In other words, it is entirely within Mayor White's power now, at this very moment.

What disturbs me is Mayor White's unconscionable attitude that the rights of human beings can be used so blatantly to political advantage. If the best interests of gay people are truly uppermost in his mind then how could he possibly not act immediately rather than run the risk that such an important measure may not be carried out in the eventuality that someone else should occupy the office he so clearly covets.

Jack Freiberg

## LETTERS

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## to be or not to be

Dear GCN:

According to the New Jersey Lesbian Caucus (GCN Sept. 27), a woman either is or is not a Lesbian (with no allowance for bisexuality), and whether or not a woman is Lesbian must lie totally beyond her control. According to John Calvin, each soul is either totally saved or totally damned, and the outcome is a result of divine predestination without any chance for individual choice. Both these ideologies seem very repressive to me.

Women are discovering that in fact affectional relationships can take many patterns which shatter the black/white trip of NJLC. What about a woman involved in a multiple relationship which includes people of both sexes? What about a woman who is bisexual — or in other words has intimate relationships with other women and yet also has some close relationships with certain men? What about a woman who at different stages of life alternates between lovers of both sexes (or between *people* who happen to be sometimes female and sometimes male)?

I feel strongly that my Lesbian identification comes first, and that Lesbian liberation in the long run includes all women who love and care about other women (and who does not love her own mother?). But narrow and exclusive definitions are not the road to a nonsexist culture.

Yours with love,

Margo

P.S. NJLC was positive and liberating in stating that Lesbian love can be expressed in nonphysical as well as physical ways — for this I express thanks.

## time in large red letters

Dear GCN:

I have one large complaint about the Sept. 20 issue. Sheri's article concerning *Time* should have been on the front page in large red letters. The article was one of the best written and most important that I have ever seen in GCN. If anyone dares to dream that a *Time* cover story is any less important than an episode of Marcus Welby, then he or she ought to reconsider. I cannot imagine that anyone could have read that article and remained unmoved. Sheri's article is a call to action and should have been given much more attention.

For a gay revolution,

John Campbell

## permissive illiteracy

Editor, GCN,

I won't get the space a David Brudnoy was given but I hope that someone (Tom Atkins would be my first choice) with equal prominence gets a chance to reply to Brudnoy's tirade.

Meanwhile, may a white, middle-aged "left-liberal-radical" (Brudnoy should really distinguish among such categories, some of whom won't talk to each other) make two kinds of comments?

In *The New York Times* of Sept. 22 and 23 there is a two-part article by Marion Wright Edelman on desegregation and busing which shows Brudnoy's tirade to be the intellectual trash that it is. Since Edelman's articles are copyrighted and will appear in the November issue of the Harvard Educational Review I don't feel free to quote them here. GCN readers who want logic and literacy should read Edelman's article.

In his defense of the so-called conservative position Brudnoy doesn't confront the questions on factual or historical grounds. Let's just look at his language: "readers who are 'into' fashionable left or liberal movements". So politics, if not of Brudnoy's kind are a matter of fashion? "... a full-fledged assault on compulsory education" sounds as if Brudnoy can hardly wait to legislate permissive illiteracy. "... easily observed negative features of forced busing ... white flight". Many knowledgeable observers of the urban scene regard desegregation as a negligible factor in "white flight." Brudnoy writes: "you can't legislate morality" and then goes on to make a very bad analogy with prohibition and laws against marijuana. And so it goes, "socialized medicine", "gargantuan government", "with-it leftie radicalism", "assuming that all anti-busers are all mostly racists". What else does Carson Beach tell us? Dragging in abortion, day care, welfare. No facts, no history, just empty, vicious rhetoric.

You will, I hope, have many other responses to Brudnoy, but I must ask, alas, that if you print any or all of this, that you sign it

FRAX.



ordinary 'guys and gals'

GCN; Dear Sirs: Who in hell is Brian Kelly? (ltr to editor 27 Sep). What makes him think that just because an individual is a member of the military, that he is a killer, oppressor or worse? I spent 20 years in the Marine Corps; I never knowingly killed or oppressed anyone. I had a job to do and I did it. One of the strongest foundations of our country has been a strong military force, and I was one small part of it. When the good old US of A loses its military capability, we're going to be in a world of shit. The military spends 99 and 44/100 % of its time practicing, and the remainder doing, but it seems that the majority of the civilian populace seems to think that we're a bunch of blood hungry killers who are striving for war.

After two tours in 'Nam, I'm all in favor of making Love not War. Not that I'd like to make love with the enemy, but I'd sure rather make love with my troops than send them out to encounter the enemy.

Kelly is out to lunch. I wish to hell that I had the guts when I was in to proclaim myself a homosexual. If any attempt had been made to blackmail me (the biggest reason the military has to preclude homosexuals — for security reasons), I would have acknowledged my feelings and damn the consequences. Matlovich has taken a stand that I admire and wish I could have taken. I offer him my complete support. I hope that all Gays can do the same. If the military buckles under, it would be a giant step forward for all homosexuals.

To top it off, Kelly signs off "In Gay Working Class Pride." Who does he think the majority of the military are? We sure as hell weren't or aren't white collar management. The majority are foot slogging Soldiers or Marines, and seven days a week sailors and airmen who ensure that our ships and planes are ready to repulse an enemy. My birthday is on Dec. 7, so I have a particular understanding about what it is

to be prepared. Give or take a few blood-thirsty and war-mongering individuals who find the military a convenient place to vent their enthusiasm, the majority are ordinary guys and gals doing a job that they think needs doing. If a homosexual happens to stay in the service, he must love his job — the atmosphere is too oppressive to remain in unless you are truly dedicated. For the same reason, I must really love New Hampshire to remain here in the Homophobic wasteland of Loeb and Thomson.

I hope that the majority of my Gay Brothers and Sisters do not agree with Mr. Kelly, and give the utmost support to T/Sgt. Matlovich, and any military man or woman that challenges the system. Hopefully all of us will be better off.

In Gay Acceptance by the World, [Name Withheld]

one or more

Dear GCN, Thanks for such a wonderful paper. There is such a great variety of ideas and articles. There is hardly an issue I do not clip one or more articles to give or send to some straight.

I have many friends, both a-political and political. I have twelve grandchildren (four married grandsons) and three greats. They are athiest, Catholic, Jewish, Protestant and one Bahai and one Jesus Follower. They all know I'm an athiest but we find ways to build bridges of communication. They all know my work for Gay Liberation. It's a great help to me to have articles to back me up. I love them all and they all know it so they turn to me with many questions and problems in their own lives. So it's easy for me to speak with them and teach truths they would never hear otherwise.

I have put on the button with the pink triangle never to take it off again. That also gives me a chance to speak because so many people ask me what it means.

So once more I thank you for GCN. Affectionately, Sarah Montgomery

united gays of america

GCN: Dear Sirs: In response to Brian Kelly's letter, "the right to oppress," GCN Sept. 27:

The fact that Sgt. Leonard Matlovich is a member of the armed forces in no way diminishes or undermines his endeavor to fight his (and our), oppression as a human being, a gay human being! I for one do not give a damn what the sergeant's chosen occupation is, what his motives, personal or otherwise are, in his battle to gain the dignity due all humans. He carries the banner for all of us and what he gains in his action, we all gain. What he loses we all lose!

Sgt. Matlovich is intelligent, and what is perhaps more important is that he has intelligent backing. To date his cause (and ours), is being handled beautifully. Let's stop acting like bitches and show a little intelligence ourselves and realize that any victories he achieves, we all achieve! As a united force we can accomplish much — broken into bickering factions we can only lose. I for one back him 100%. If he gains materially through all of this — more power to him — he's going to need all the financial assistance he can get — justice is a very expensive commodity in this "Land of Freedom."

I'm sorry Brian, I just haven't got time enough for the coming of a second Jesus Christ to set the world right — I'll settle for Sgt. Matlovich, even though he be an Atilla's helper!

Sincerely yours, Reine d'Amoire

pardoned for paranoia

Dear friends, I'm delighted to see the recent increase in coverage of New York area news in the paper. It is sorely needed down here and greatly appreciated.

You did, however, miss one subtlety in the whole saga of the Long Island sodomy case against O'Brian. The charges were made less than two weeks before Intro 554, the New York City gay rights bill, was scheduled for hearings. The charges were proven false and completely trumped up, only three days after Intro had failed. New York area media delighted in



coupling the two stories — gay "civil rights" versus District Attorney as Sodomite — on the same pages. The New York Times, among others, gave better, fuller coverage to the Long Island case than it did to pro-gay rulings by the American Medical Association, Federal Civil Service Commission, or the preparations for Intro. And absolutely no one in the media wrote or broadcast an impartial analysis of the case, though many media-types confided to NGT that they were certain the case was a frame-up.

Coincidence? Pardon my paranoia, but . . . Much love, Loretta Lotman Media Director National Gay Task Force

"voice of the gaytto"

Gentlepersons: If the sample I recently took among my friends is accurate, many gays have not yet registered to vote. Rather ironic, considering that thevoting booth is one closet we should be getting into.

Boston's election is Tuesday, Nov. 4, and to be eligible to vote in it, if you are not already registered, you must register before 10 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15. You can register, Monday through Friday, nine a.m. to five p.m., at City Hall or any of the "little city halls" scattered throughout the city.

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# NEW YORK REVELATIONS

By Tony Russo

It was a newsworthy week in New York. Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., announced that it will be taking action against the constitutionality of the New York sodomy law. The plaintiff named is David Thorstad, President of Gay Activists Alliance (GAA) and co-author of *The Early Homosexual Rights Movement — 1864-1935*. Lawyers serving the case are William Thom and E. Carrington Bogan. The suit was filed in Dist. Atty. Robert Morgenthau's office Sept. 30. Morgenthau has 20 days in which to defend the points raised in the suit.

The Gay Academic Union announced that Betty Powell, professor at Brooklyn College, will chair the 1975 Gay Academic Union Conference in New York City Nov. 28-30. The conference is the largest non-religious gay conference in the world. At the conference Gay People at Columbia will be sponsoring the entertainment for the conference. Some of the expected performers are "Jade and Sarsaparilla," "The Deadly Nightshade," "Kay Gardner" (of "Lavender Jane") and "Paul Wagner."

Gay Activists Alliance announced this week that they will soon be re-starting their newsletter: "The Gay Activist." The newsletter is expected to be four pages, free of advertisement. To encourage subscribers, GAA will offer a free raffle ticket to each subscriber. One of the prizes for the raffle will be a weekend for two in Provincetown. And so, GAA will continue in the struggle.

The staff of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) announced this week that they have nominated Jean O'Leary to take over Nath Rockhill's vacated position as legislative director. The nomination now goes to the board of directors, where approval seems likely. (Loretta Lotman announced this



week that she will leave NGTF as media director. Lotman, originally from Gay Media Action in Boston, said that she left the position for purely personal reasons. "I want to write," Lotman said. "Two years in the movement has left me little time for myself." Lotman, having only been with NGTF for less than a year, became one of the most dynamic activists in the gay community. She was an asset which media people will never forget.

CORRECTION: In GCN Vol. 3, No. 13, it was reported that Angelo Arculeo said that if Intro 554 did not pass he would join the Communist Party. It was General Welfare Committee member Luis Olmedo (D) from the Bronx who made this comment, referring to the Socialist Party.

# 'Raiders' Survey State Houses

PHILADELPHIA — Warm words of promise and commitment from many US governors have been solicited by Mark Segal's Gay Raiders, a Philadelphia-based activist organization. The Gay Raiders revealed the first results of their comprehensive survey of U.S. governors last week. The governors were asked to respond to the executive order issued by Pennsylvania's Governor Milton Shapp. Shapp's proclamation urges all state agencies to ban any kind of discrimination against gay women and men.

However, only one state, Alaska, appears to have responded in any concrete way to the Gay Raider's protestations. EEO Officer Lou Anne Maxwell told the Raiders, "We have written an Affirmative Action Plan and have included discrimination because of sexual preference. The final draft of the plan is now being typed. It will then be submitted to the Governor's EEO Committee for approval."

One of the most positive reactions came from New Jersey's Governor Brendan Byrne. "I view the Executive Order with interest," wrote the Democratic governor, "and have asked

members of my legal staff to look into the possibility of actions similar to those of Governor Shapp.... I am, therefore, committed to building a State which gains its strength from an innate belief in the dignity and equality of all its people, whether black, Hispanic, female, gay, or immigrant."

Both Maine's James B. Longley and Massachusetts' Michael Dukakis contented themselves with general statements, however. "Please know that ending discrimination and extending human rights is an important matter and in that regard we will be studying your interests," wrote Longley.

"I intend to meet my constitutional obligation, and protect the rights of all citizens of Massachusetts," stated Dukakis. He also reaffirmed his willingness to sign a gay rights bill. However, the Massachusetts governor declined to comment on the possibility of issuing an order like that of Governor Shapp.

Other governors responding included the chief executives of Tennessee, Hawaii, New Mexico, Oregon, Colorado, Oklahoma, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and South Dakota.

## 'Complaint' Forums Set

BOSTON — A meeting to form a community board in Boston has decided to institute a series of open forums to air complaints and to evolve the nucleus of a board. The idea for a community board to arbitrate and deal with complaints of gay people vis-a-vis community organizations and the "straight world" grew out of the recent attacks on Project Lambda, the gay advocacy center.

However, at the recent meeting, held as GCN's monthly open community meeting, sentiment seemed to come down against immediate establishment of a board. The idea of forums was adopted as an intermediate step in this regard.

No place has as yet been definitely agreed to for the site of the forums. Anyone interested should check next week's GCN calendar page.

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# A Talk with Lenny Matlovich

By Neil Miller

BOSTON — T/Sgt. Leonard Matlovich was sitting under a picture of Picasso's Dove of Peace in Channel 5's suburban Boston studio talking about his plans for the future. He was in the midst of a whirlwind visit to Massachusetts, a media blitz that included appearances at three Boston television stations, plus a speech at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst.

Only a couple of weeks after a panel of officers had recommended him for discharge from the Air Force for his proclaimed gayness, Matlovich was clearly still a soldier. But this time the cause was different.

"We're going to mount a full-time campaign to change laws and stereotypes in this country," Matlovich told me in gentle, soft-spoken tones. "I'm going to go around the country and raise a million dollars. We're going to hire a full-time lobbyist. It's going to be done through me and the National Gay Task Force."

There is a determination about Matlovich, a quiet sense of duty that gives the impression that he still feels himself on some military mission. "My new role is just a continuation of my Air Force job," he said. "I was a Race Relations instructor. I was teaching



Jane Picard

gay liberation, black liberation, women's liberation."

And now he seems to see himself as teacher to the whole country. "By 1980 we won't have a gay President yet, but we'll have a say in who the President of the United States will be. I can promise gay people that."

Matlovich has great faith in leaders, in gay people taking political power and influencing national politicians, in what goes on in Congress and the White House. It's a vision that appears naive, over-simplified, that seems to

ignore so much of the complicated structure of the system and its centers of economic and political power. Perhaps it's living too close to Washington that has shaped Matlovich's view of the world, perhaps it's the simple hierarchical structure of the military.

Matlovich's view of the gay movement shares much of the same pleasant idealism, of the faith that somehow it can all be made right. "We've got to get rid of the divisiveness, of the factionalism among gay people," Matlovich told me. "Piecemeal things just don't work. We need a united front, one that includes all ideologies." For anyone well-versed in the timeless infighting of gay activists and organizations, Matlovich's well-intentioned call seems a rather pie-in-the-sky one.

Despite his sweetness and innocence, he is a clever politician as well. "I'm a pacifist," he told me when I questioned him about how gay people opposed to the military could relate to him. When I pressed him about his tour of duty in Vietnam, he said, "Oh, no, I wasn't against the war then. I was an electrician. You know, changing lightbulbs."

Yet it's obvious that Lenny Matlovich wasn't wounded just changing light-bulbs. Matlovich defended Amer-

ican GIs in Vietnam with the phrase, "they were just following orders." But he is quick to catch himself. "Of course it shouldn't be like that." And then he goes on to an articulate digression on the responsibility of soldiers, the Nuremburg trials and the like.

Matlovich hasn't had the time or the exposure to get it all together yet. He's still taking it in and he seems open to learning and growing. And the U.S. military is about as sheltered and deadening an environment as you can get. In areas like the problems of lesbians in the movement, the nuances of sexual politics, and the complexities of gay experience, he appears pretty uninformed.

Matlovich has been away for a long time. He reminded me of a 19-year-old, full of green innocence and boyish optimism. He is, at this point in time, the most visible openly gay person in the country. And in this position he has a tremendous responsibility. The question is can he learn, can he grow fast enough? Has he been thrown into the role of the gay spokesperson too soon without really understanding who we all are and what we want? And what he wants as well? But if we must have leaders, gay people will have a hard time finding one as gentle and as hopeful as Lenny Matlovich.

## Candidates . . . . . (Continued from page 1)

(D-Roxbury), a sponsor of gay rights legislation, is calling Harris her first choice. Rep. John A. Businger (D-Brookline), also a long-time sponsor of gay rights legislation, is officially "undecided" in the presidential contest, although GCN has learned that he will probably endorse Harris within the next few weeks. U.S. Rep. Michael Harrington of Beverly, a co-sponsor of the Abzug legislation, also has expressed particular admiration for the former Oklahoma senator, although "officially neutral" is the congressman's public position.

Bayh

Massachusetts Citizens for Life, Inc., organized a boisterous protest outside of the Springfield Civic Center to attack Indiana Sen. Birch Bayh for his consistent stands as chairman of the Senate's Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments against eight specific "right-to-life" amendments which MCFL supported. Their demonstra-

tion — which also attacked Sen. Edward Kennedy, who has taken the same positions — probably helped Bayh, however, who has made a strong pitch for the feminist vote.

The senator, however, conveniently skirted the issue when asked whether he would be willing to serve as the principal sponsor of HR 5452 in the Senate. (The National Gay Task Force has been unable to obtain any member of the Senate who is willing to be the principal sponsor of a companion to the Abzug bill in the upper chamber, even though some members, like Kennedy, have indicated a willingness to co-sponsor it.)

"I will support this legislation," replied Bayh. "We should not discriminate against individuals because of their private sexual preference." Bayh replied no further to the question that was initially asked.

Bayh has an articulate and free-flowing speaking style, and an admir-

able record with twelve years in the senate. He has been called "the only serious contender" for the presidency (*Washington Post*), and would have the best chance for the support of labor. He has waffled, however, on the issue of gay rights in audiences across the country, and the subject does not appear in any of his campaign literature.

Udall

Morris K. Udall, the feisty Arizona congressman who calls his home state "the most conservative in the country," was one of the few candidates who entered the conference with a considerable power base — over a dozen state legislators. He has a campaign office working full-time for him in Boston already, and many gay people working on his campaign, some of them in high places.

Asked about the Abzug legislation, he replied, "People are entitled to their own lifestyle, and have the right to work in private industry or public jobs without harassment because of private

habits. We should not use scarce police resources in society because people have an unconventional lifestyle."

Although Patricia Hanratty, organizer of the NWPC's Lesbian Caucus, called Udall's remarks "too vague," that has not prevented the Massachusetts legislature's original champion of gay rights legislation — Rep. Barney Frank — from endorsing Udall.

Udall won an informal poll of the Sept. 14 Minneapolis conference attendees by almost a two-to-one margin. Some of the biggest king pins in national liberal Democratic circles are behind his candidacy, and he is apparently well-financed. Despite his possessing what is probably the most progressive record on civil rights legislation of any member of Congress, gay rights is not mentioned in any of his myriad of position papers. You have to ask him.

(A discussion of the other political candidates who appeared in Springfield will take place in a continuation of this article next week.)

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# BANKS

## from the inside

By Charles Rivers

I work for a large bank (name omitted to protect the guilty), and I recently took quite a big step and came out at work. In the Gay Pride parade — which I attended for the first time — I had the honor of pulling the rhino float. The parade went right by my office. About 20 or so of my colleagues were working that afternoon. There are few people who can attend to the debits and credits while a parade is going by — especially such a colorful one. When we passed I looked up, caught their attention and waved — and they waved back! And I'm happy to say that when I went in the following Monday, everything was the same as it was before. My friends who already knew I was gay — including one who is gay herself — backed me up and we had a discussion. The results were most favorable.

However, coming out at work was a risky thing to do, and is not necessarily always the best thing. I'm not an executive, and my colleagues who saw me are also lower-level employees. If I were higher up, or if the wrong people happened to be peeking out of their closets and had seen me, my job could be very much in jeopardy.

I know only of one other gay banker who came out at work, although I know a lot of gay people in banks. I have gay friends in all the big commercial banks in Boston. I know people in a number of the smaller ones, both in Boston and in the suburbs. My friends are tellers, clerks and lower-level employees, although I have a couple of friends who are officers. Once I met a gay man who was a bank president, which goes to show that gay people are just as diversified in their job levels — in this case banking — as any other group.

My emergence into a new gay identity began three years ago. My banking career began with a summer job five years back. I was absolutely amazed after I came out to meet so many other gay bankers. Like many people I had had the notion that people who worked in offices and dressed straight every day really were straight.

The blame for this massive deception falls on those gay people who hide their true selves — but not entirely. Banks have done plenty to keep their gay employees in the closet. Banks are usually old, hence they tend to be conservative. Banking is at the core of the business world. Certain businesses deal with only certain others, but everybody deals with the bank. Hence banks have a lot of other people's money — and therefore a lot of influence. Because business is so competitive, banks present an image of themselves as old, experienced, and wise in order to look qualified to take on new business. But banks always make it look like they're *serving* you — to cover the fact that they make a bundle on your money. So to keep up their public servant image they affiliate themselves with certain selected civic groups — like the Red Cross. The emphasis is on the bank's being a core

of society in the same way that banking is a core of business. So banks expect their people to be socially conservative. Officers can be counted upon to be involved with their church group or Boy Scouts or the like. This conservative thinking filters down through the ranks. You have to appear straight at the bank because the bank wants to appear well-established to its customers. Our bank has a dress code, for example, and it monitors outgoing phone calls.

In spite of sins like redlining (not lending to anybody in certain areas) and big-business interlocks, banks do have some social conscience, albeit a very measured amount. Since the civil rights legislation of the 1960's was enacted, big businesses have boasted that they are "equal opportunity employers," but what they mean by that is another story. The purpose of such a claim is — of course — advertising to make the bank look nice, to show the bank keeping up with society. Now that they've had their arm twisted, they want to appear happy to have blacks and women in management positions, and more of them around in general. To my knowledge, no bank in this area has a stated policy of fairness to homosexuals. The only banks I know of to have been proponents in this area are the two leading banks in the country, Bank of America (in California) and First National City Bank (New York).

How the bank actually deals with all the minorities is simple stated: the bank suppresses everybody to its own advantage. A large bank — or any large corporation for that matter — is bound to have women, blacks, Spanish-speaking people and gays among the rank and file. The bank is forced by law to hire the former three, whereas gays have always been around. But it is not the gays who are beginning to wage a fight for equal treatment; it is the women in managerial positions who are fresh on the executive scene. In our bank, the women, blacks, and Spanish have begun to assert *their* ideas, which are not the bank's ideas. In a move to keep them all quiet, the bank assembled a committee representing minorities (although all members were bank officers and none of them gay (and asked them to discuss ways of protecting the rights of the minorities. This powerless committee met and recommended, among other things, job postings and an individual's right to examine his or her file in the Personnel Dept. The bank then ignored all of their recommendations completely. The committee, out of frustration, has since disbanded.

The bank knows that banking is the only large industry left whose members are not unionized. An individual has little bargaining power to begin with, and a minority member has even less. As gays are not even a legally recognized minority in most states, the sanctions of a council against discrimination couldn't intervene if the bank decided to mistreat or fire its gays. It is no wonder gays in banks keep quiet. The enormous enterprise is free to act as it wishes.

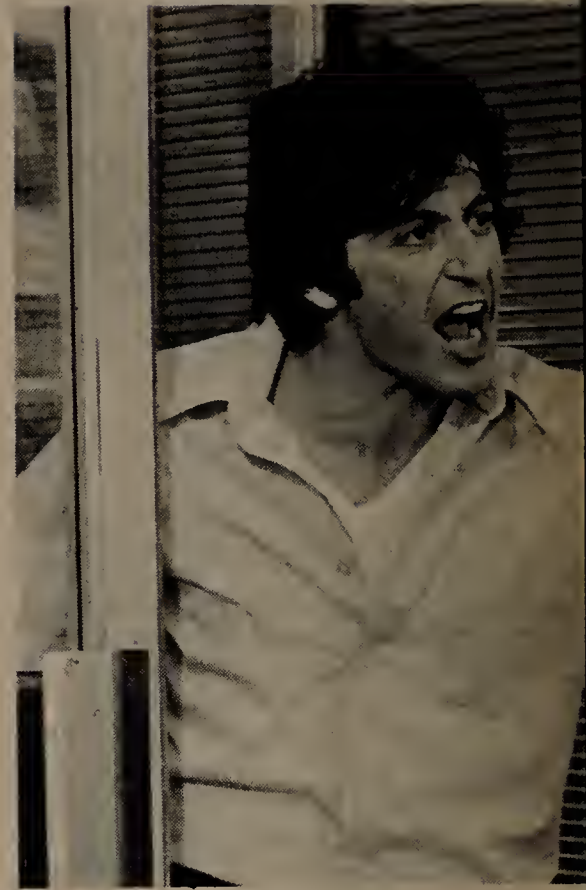
There is also a certain fact of life

painful to admit: people sell out to the corporation. Sometimes individuals (belonging to a minority) decide that the only way their own interests and careers will advance in leaps and bounds is for them to turn a deaf ear to the minority they came from. Money and power have bought more than one person's integrity. It is difficult at best to be vocal about civil rights in a corporation; the pressure to give in can be exceedingly strong. Crusaders sometimes tire. I've seen a lot of this kind of thing, I'm sorry to say, at work.

But why are there so many gays in banks? As my roommate and I work for banks, as do many of my friends, I've asked quite a few people how they got to be where they are. The answers have been diversified, but they tend to have a few things in common.

It has been my own observation that most people don't really set their hearts on any career when they are at the point in life to choose one. More often they know somebody who can get them a job. Sons follow fathers often because their fathers can get them into unions or businesses. Many people took up banking merely because when they went in, it was all they could get. People tell themselves they'll leave after awhile, but they get comfortable and used to the money and never get around to resigning. My own bank is full of families — husbands, wives, neices, brothers-in-law, etc. I had a good friend who got me in. My friends — gay and straight alike — more or less all got their jobs because they knew someone. Nowadays you have to know somebody to get a job anywhere, but banks have always tended to hire friends or family of present employees. The bank knows that people will stay longer if their friends work there too. And now many people are staying temporarily because the fields they want to pursue are just closed markets right now. Because of the economy, there are many fields laying off their present employees, if not folding altogether, not to mention taking in new people. But in all fairness, there are gay people who really want to pursue business careers, and who are satisfied with their positions in banking, in spite of their views on certain bank policies. These individuals are around but they are outnumbered 10 to 1 by the others described above.

It is unfortunate that there is a myth that gays tend to be found mainly in professions concerning the arts — dance, acting, music, painting and so on. In actuality, gays are as diversified as any other group of people. The point is that there are plenty of gays who wouldn't give a dime to see an opera but are drawn to economics, mathematics, management, and business. It is harder to be gay in a business career than in an artistic one for the simple reason: it is not easy to break a stereotype. Business has used stereotypes to discriminate against gays, and it is very, very difficult to assert a gay individuality in the business world. Business has too much money, and as every kid with a dollar knows, money is power. The gays who have chosen the business world for a career are to be acknowledged and then extolled: they have a lot of courage.



Al Pacino is Sonny

A Review by Rose Flower

1975 saw the swearing in of Representative Elaine Noble and the coming out of Senator Allan Spear, but if the media have their way it will be remembered as the year of the gay bank robber. Kathy Power, Susan Saxe, and the SLA women have given the public a new anti-hero — the same-sex-loving, gun-toting bank robber whose spirit is undaunted though the body may be in chains. We're all waiting for Patti, bandwagon jumper *extraordinaire*, to come out.

And if the men were afraid that they would be left out, the new film "Dog Day Afternoon" records for posterity the adventures of Little John Wojtowicz, a New York gay activist. He and an accomplice attempted to rob a Brooklyn bank in 1972 to get his lover a sex-change operation. The police sur-

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Dog Day Afternoon."

rounded the bank and the two robbers held the bank personnel as hostages and bartered for their freedom. The movie makes Little John the most lovable of bungling thugs with the largest heart of gold since Jimmy Cagney in "The Roaring Twenties." The movie has pathos, comedy, drama, suspense, heroism and humanity. It's a natural for the Academy Awards.

All people, gay or straight, must fall in love with Little John, renamed Sonny for the film. Al Pacino plays the wonderfully warm human being who badly bungles the bank robbery, but faces failure bravely. In one unforgettable scene, Sonny is a true hero of the people; he waves back the hundreds of police guns facing him and whips the crowd into a cheering frenzy by yelling "Attica! Attica!" Yet in another scene Sonny is poor Sonny when he asks first

his transsexual lover and then his wife for love and understanding; they fight hard to save their own skins in the situation. He is the true romantic, too good for this dreary, loveless world.

His gayness is just another nail in the cross. Director Sidney Lumet has worked hard, it seems, to underplay the hero's homosexuality, to make it a part of his character, not the key to it. Rather, Sonny is shown as frustrated in his interaction with lovers of both sexes. Only the silent Sal, his accomplice, is willing to follow him 'til death part them, and he adamantly denies that he is gay. All Sonny has is the love of the crowd, and how fickle that is any star knows.

But Sonny makes the best of his hour on stage, even if his stage is a single Brooklyn street. He throws money to the crowd; the pizza boy is thrilled to have touched him; he is cheered every time he appears. Then they find out that he is gay. Here the handling of the gay theme is expert. The transsexual lover arrives and the media pick up the happening. Now the crowd knows the whole story, now the hostages in the bank know the whole story. Their reactions make this film a sensitive documentary of the culture's response to its homosexual members. Truly, the gay community may not be thrilled with the reaction of the people, but it is difficult to call it anything but reality.

The handling of the transsexual

lover, however, may cause some controversy. The lovers speak on the telephone; they never touch. This may be due to homophobia since, in reality, the lover did enter the bank. Rumor has it that those scenes were left on the cutting room floor. But that is supposition. Let's deal with the film as it stands. Leon (Lana) is brought from a mental hospital; he has been shot full of drugs to counteract the pills that he swallowed in a suicide attempt. Sonny has been pointing a loaded revolver at his head, and the doctors are telling him he is sick. The FBI and the local police are breathing down his neck, threatening him with prosecution for accessory to bank robbery. If he acts less than wonderfully, can one really say that the film is anti-transsexual? The part could have been played with more sensitivity. It is difficult to believe that Chris Sarandon is a "woman in a man's body" and, probably, many transsexuals will find him atypical rather than stereotypical. Unfortunately no one will find him heroic. Maybe next year.

Assuredly gay viewers will be watching most closely the treatment of the gay theme, but the film makes many interesting comments on human nature. The inability of the trigger-happy police to tell the difference between hostages and criminals makes them draw together in a close-knit, even loving group with Sonny as the leader. Watch what happens when the outside

danger is removed. For most of the hostages the robbery is the only thing that ever happened to them. Often their reactions are humorous, but in the course of the long hours, there are heroes born. The competent, sensible, motherly head teller leaves apparent safety to stick by her tellers. The bank manager nearly dies but refuses to leave the other employees. The excessive heat and the constant tension tries each person to the limit. Watch the effects of sudden stardom. Each minor character is a fascinating study.

Special praise goes to Charles Durning for his portrayal of Detective-Sgt. Moretti. His relationship to both Sonny and Leon are probably the gayest relationships in the movie. Moretti is street-wise and unshockable. He has a job to do — save the hostages — and he does not care if Sonny is queer or green; if Leon can help, he is the most important person alive. And Moretti treats them both with love and care.

But Moretti disappears, and the machine-like, faceless FBI men take over. In the end there is sympathy only for the bank robbers. This leaves the community with a dilemma: should we applaud the human treatment of gays in the film or deplore the sympathy given to a gay bank robber? Surely gays do not want to be remembered for the criminals that number among them, but then, we're all outlaws in the eyes of America.

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By Edwin P. Hoyt, Radnor, PA:  
Chilton: 1974. \$8.95, hardcover, 263  
pages.

## IDENTITY AND COMMUNITY IN THE GAY WORLD

By Carol A. B. Warren, New York:  
John Wiley, 1974, hardcover, 191  
pages.

*A Review by John Kyper*

Those of us who came out and into the gay movement in the wake of the Christopher Street rebellion tended to belittle and ignore the long struggle that led to our newfound militancy. Certainly the traditional tone of the Mattachine — their defensive anti-Communism and their seeking after middle class respectability — left much to be desired. Yet just as decades of quiet work by the NAACP helped prepare the way for Black Liberation, so our present movement is built upon a past that goes back much, much farther than we first realized.

Our ignorance was understandable: Enforcing invisibility is a powerful weapon that the majority culture uses to keep its oppressed minorities in their places. Our problem, then, comes back to this — that we have been denied a history because we were not supposed to exist. The history books have been written by those who shared the white, American, heterosexual male consciousness. Indians, blacks and women were too obvious to be ignored

entirely; but their role has been minimized and distorted, and their heroes, largely ridiculed or forgotten.

Gays lack even this token presence. We are a non-people, denied heroes. Historical and literary figures have been sanitized, to obscure the stigma of "deviancy." I did not know until nine years after his death that Dag Hammarskjöld was homosexual. E.M. Forster did not feel it safe to publish his novel *Maurice* or his other homosexual stories during his lifetime. And those who have long been dead, like Willa Cather or Roger Casement, evoke sensation upon their discovery (or rediscovery). Accepted reality ignored them, unless the knowledge could be used to discredit and defame.

This lack of heroes has had disastrous consequences for an incalculable number of homosexual women and men. Denied positive images of homosexuality as they were growing up, they despised their feelings and thus themselves. Until recently, cultural propaganda about the "unnaturalness" of homosexuality — whether in the form of religious hysteria, political innuendo, or patronizing liberal tolerance — insured that most will encounter deep feelings of guilt while exploring this forbidden path, seeing only the sleazy or grotesque stereotypes of the "typical homosexual."

Like the women and like other minority groups before us, we are beginning to regain our past: *Fag Rag* and *Gay Sunshine* have made more accessible the works of Edward Carpenter and Constantine Cavafy. Jim Steakley's series in the *Body Politic* recounts the history of Germany's nineteenth century Scientific Humanitarian Movement and the Nazi exter-

mination of the gays. John Lauritsen and David Thorstad have covered similar territory, plus an account of the sexual experimentation during the Russian Revolution. Jonathan Katz has produced a documentary play *Coming Out* and continuing research into American gay history. Foster Gunnison has preserved an archives of the last twenty-five years in the Institute for Social Ethics. The list could go on.

Jim Kepner's twenty year anthology of his own gay writings is another valuable contribution, that deserves to become better known. In 1953 Kepner began to submit angry articles to the *Los Angeles Mattachine Newsletter* and *ONE Magazine*, the earliest publications of a movement just getting modestly under way. (The Mattachine Foundation, the first permanent gay organization in America, had been founded as a secret society three years earlier in L.A.) He has since written over 500 gay articles for numerous publications, including a regular column, "Angles on the News," in *The Advocate*. Two dozen selections appear here.

The book opens with several recent articles examining the dramatic transformation he has witnessed in his three decades in gay life. In 1943, as he was coming out, he watched his first and only gay bar raid, in San Francisco. Only the despised queens put up any resistance to the police; most of the customers filed into the paddy wagons "almost as if they felt they had a punishment coming to them." Militancy was years away: "I too was paralyzed with fear of doing what the 'screaming queens' did already, letting it all hang out, letting the whole world see, every minute of the day, exactly who I was, not just when I was safe in the friendly surroundings of a Gay bar."

Just to discuss homosexuality intelli-

gently seemed subversive enough in an age when Joseph McCarthy was purging the "Communist homosexuals" from the State Department. Arthur Summerfield, Ike's perennial Postmaster General, decided that all gay publications were obscene, and *ONE* has to appeal all the way to the Supreme Court before it was allowed to use the mails. Several of Kepner's early pieces that detail anti-gay witch-hunts in Boise, Miami, and elsewhere provide a horrifying view of 1950's treatment of "sex deviates."

For me those formative years were characterized by the viciousness of small town New Hampshire, where nonconformists of any kind were ridiculed and harassed. (The state was given the nickname, "Mississippi of the North" by the Rev. Willard Uphaus, jailed by Attorney General Louis Wyman for refusing to name his associates at a pacifist conference in the White Mountains. William Loeb's Manchester *Union-Leader* supported Wyman and eulogized McCarthy when he died, foreshadowing his hysterical slandering of the 'Gay Students' Organization at the state university sixteen years later.) Subsequent reading of *Peyton Place* and *The Boys of Boise* showed me that many others were stifled and oppressed during that wretched decade, and Kepner further illustrates what it meant to be gay during the Eisenhower Era. No lobotomized 50's Nostalgia here.

The anthology jumps into the 1970's — which is its greatest weakness. There is just a brief mention of the developments in the intervening years before Christopher Street. Yet the growing militancy through the 1960's — demonstrations in Los Angeles, New York, Washington, and other cities — was indispensable for the development of our present movement. Alas, the book is too short (40 pages) to satisfy me. I wish he had included more.

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One final complaint: the book is staplebound, and the layout is a cut-and-paste job from the original journals. I hope that Jim Kepner will feel encouraged to reissue these valuable essays in a more complete and durable volume.

I wish no encouragement, however, to the author of *Horatio's Boys*. Edwin P. Hoyt has written a sensationalized biography of Horatio Alger, Jr., who (delicious irony) was a pederast. In 1866, as Unitarian minister in the Cape Cod community of Brewster, Alger was accused of "the abominable and revolting crime of unnatural familiarity with boys." He admitted to the church fathers that he had been "imprudent" and left town on the next train for New York, where he was to establish his reputation as an author of boys' books extolling the myths of nineteenth century capitalism.

The biography focuses around this incident. The most offensive aspect is the way in which it is used to sell the book to the voyeuristic buyer. The blurb on the jacket milks its notoriety for all it's worth: "No matter what you've heard, Horatio Alger was *not* the American ideal personified. He was slave to pederastic desires that even the most secretly promiscuous followers of the American ideal still condemn as morally unacceptable. Had he lived today, Alger might have been a charter member of the Gay Liberation movement." Et cetera, ad nauseam.

The author cannot resist throwing in occasional snide references to Alger's pederasty throughout the rest of the book. It was, at best, a tragic flaw, contributing toward his greatness, but an aberration nonetheless. There is no acknowledgement here that boy-love is

a common motivation for countless schoolteachers, scoutmasters, and ministers, who might not be quite so "imprudent" in their behavior. Years later Alger himself obliquely acknowledged feelings of guilt (in a poem, "Friar Anselmo"), imprisoned as he was by the Protestant Ethic that he celebrated in his novels.

Seemingly, the boys of the Brewster parish enjoyed the unnatural familiarity with their Reverend. Probably they were done more harm by the uproar of their parents. The idea that children and adolescents have any right to sexual exploration is bitterly resisted to this day. Three years ago a Toronto gay liberation newspaper, *The Body Politic*, published an article making just such a suggestion — to the outrage of all three Toronto dailies. One columnist wrote: "The homosexual seduction of a child is a loathsome, pernicious thing" and urged that *The Body Politic* be prosecuted for counseling a crime. In the eyes of law and public opinion, sex between adults and minors is automatically labeled "child molestation," regardless of the child's motivation or behavior. Hoyt continues this blindness.

Recently in a review (*Win*, 4/3/75) of a biography of Romaine Brooks that slanders her lesbianism, Karla Jay complained that "we want works about Lesbians to be *written by Lesbians* (upfront ones), and not by straight women or closet cases." The same principle applies to *Horatio's Boys*. At least in this case, mercifully, Jonathan Katz included in *Coming Out* a brief episode about the Brewster incident that contains far more understanding and compassion toward Alger than Hoyt has shown in

an entire book.

In the early days of Boston's Student Homophile League, the numbers of students who "discovered" us as promising subjects for their sociology term papers soon became a tired joke. Gays are used to being studied by social scientists, as individuals and as a subculture. The intellectual dishonesty of Edward Sagarin (a.k.a. Donald Webster Cory) is an extreme, but symptomatic, example of personal prejudice masquerading as "scientific objectivity."

Worth favorable mention here is the work of Carol A.B. Warren, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Southern California. *Identity and Community in the Gay World* is a traditional sociological study. From 1968 to 1972, Warren lived in and studied a middle class gay community in a California city she calls "Sun City" (San Diego, I suspect). Her research rings true to my own experience in gay life, and she draws no moral judgments upon her subjects, avoiding a common pitfall of "value-free" sociology when examining deviant groups.

The author's thesis is that gay

society establishes its own values, separate from the larger society. She correctly emphasizes the conservatism of most gays, who live double lives and are fearful of any militancy that would destroy their delicate adjustment to a hostile world. But she underestimates that omnipresent hazards of physical assault, police harassment, and discrimination. Unfortunately, she does not explore, either, the subtler effects of stigmatization, especially how gay values reflect the distorted sexuality of the straight society out of which we all developed.

Warren gives only brief attention to the new gay liberation ethos and to its significance. Admittedly, sociological studies are invariably dated by the time of publication; nevertheless, a gay community as large as Sun City's (13 bars) must have had some organizations by 1972 (countless smaller cities did). No mention.

Irrespective of these qualifications (and the occasional dullness of sociological prose), I find *Identity* an honest and refreshing work. I recommend that it be read in conjunction with Allen Young's recent essay on "Gay culture" (*Gay Liberator* #40, 1974).

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## TOP 12\*

1. It Only Takes a Minute — Tavares
2. Peacepipe — BT Express
3. Brazil — Richie Family
4. That's the Way I Like It / Get Down Tonight — K C and the Sunshine Band
5. Somebody's Gotta Go — Mike and Bill
6. Do It Anyway You Wanna — People's Choice
7. Checkmate / Family Size — Barabaras
8. Hooked for Life — Trammips
9. Fly Robin Fly / I Like It — Silver Convention
10. The Gloria Gaynor Experience (LP) — Gloria Gaynor
11. Messin' With My Mind — Labelle
12. Gimme the Keys — Bobby Keys

\*compiled by Nightfall Magazine

## SINGLES

"Oh Baby" by Wayne Miran and Rush Release is a slick disc with string and chorus back-up influenced by that "Barry White Sound." A strong promotional effort is being made with this single and it should pay off for the good people at Roulette Records . . . Hottest record of the lot is "(Baby) Save Me" by the Secrets on Wand. Already getting a lot of play in the discos, this platter will easily satisfy dance fanatics . . . Scepter has released "Michaela" (Latin Hustle) by Toto but it is much too slow to become popular with local gays . . . B. T. Express' "Peace Pipe" (Roadshow) has put these hitmakers back at the top.

## ALBUMS

Well, it's finally here! The new "Experience Gloria Gaynor" LP was released in the middle of September by MGM Records. Within one week the album topped New York's disco



charts. While New England has been slower in accepting it, disco D.J.s in the six-state region readily admit this is a blockbuster.

The first side of the disc features three songs blended together for 18 minutes and 57 seconds of non-stop dancing. With each song the beat increases creating an exciting medley. "Casanova Brown" begins this side with a slower "hustle" tempo. This song, while not memorable at first hearing, continuously grows on you.

Blended immediately into that tune's ending comes the faster paced "(If You Want It) Do It Yourself" which was released earlier this summer and is already a disco favorite. The real dance pacer though is the last song, "How High The Moon" which features that driving beat that propelled "Never Can Say Goodbye" to the top of the charts. All in all, side one is a disco masterpiece and a must for any dancer.

Side two is much mellower. "I'm Still Yours" shows us that Gloria can

also tackle a ballad with ease. "Walk On By," which didn't score big as a single, is included here. The other three songs, "The Prettiest Face I've Ever Seen," "What'll I Do," and "Tell Me How," are all adequate and have AM hit potential but are not necessarily disco-oriented.

## GOSSIP

Several disco owners of gay clubs in other parts of the U.S. were independently visiting Boston over the past few months seeking new watering holes for their expanding chains. One of these owners was Ron Larsen, owner of Cabaret-After Dark, and no stranger to Boston. Visiting his friend and ex-employee, Ron Zappi, at the opening of Oz, he told this columnist that he was looking for a spot to open a new club "if Boston will have me" . . . Gossip mongers say that the old Cabaret is scheduled to re-open in November and that its new owners also own New York's "Le Jardin" recently visited by odd couple, Bianca Jagger and Jack Ford . . . Look for a presently established local club to start booking live disco acts. Names mentioned were Labelle, Disco-Tex, and Gloria Gaynor amongst others . . . John Brothers of Worcester's Mail Box is gearing his club for their First Anniversary Party beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5 . . . Don't know how many people spotted her, but Ronnie Spector (wife of record producer Phil Spector) was being entertained the other night at 1270 by D.J. Jimmy Stuard. Ronnie used to be Veronica, the lead singer of the Ronettes in the early '60s (remember "Walking In The Rain" and "Be My Baby"). She just released a new disco single, "You'd Be Good For Me" on Tom Cat Records . . . Have you noticed, no one's dancing the "Bump" anymore? — Skip Rosenthal

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**Candlepin Bowling.** There are still some spots open on the Gay Recreational Bowling League. No experience necessary, just the desire to bowl with other gays. Go to the Boylston Bowladrome, 1260 Boylston St., Boston, at 8 pm tonight. Bowling is \$2.

## 10 fri

A benefit dance in Provincetown for the Gay Community Services Center will be held at 9 pm at Piggy's Dance Bar, Shankpainter Rd. \$2 donation for hors d'oeuvres and canape buffet.



## 11 sat

T. Sgt. Matlovich will participate in a workshop on "The Relationship Between the Gay and Civil Rights Movements" as part of the convention of the National Student Coalition Against Racism. The workshop will take place from 3 to 5 pm at Northeastern University, Boston. Anyone interested should go to Cabot Gym to find out exactly where the workshop will be held.

## 12 sun

"Homosexuality—A Sociological Approach," will be the topic of a lecture by Charles Connell, 2:00 PM at the first floor parlor, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, Cambridge, Ma.

**Board Games & Card Playing** will be held at the GCN office beginning at 7 pm this evening. Games include scrabble, chess, clue, monopoly, dominoes, poker, bridge, etc.

Whatever your game is come and play. Bring your favorites. You don't have to be a grand master of chess or a tiddly wink champ. Anyone with any varying skill of games is welcome. Come learn a new game, or teach one of your favorites to someone else.

Community games will take place at the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St. (a short walk from the Park St. subway). Bring your own refreshments if you like, and meet new friends.



FIG. 102.—The Tongue.

Special congregational meeting of Boston Metropolitan Community Church, to elect new pastor. 3 pm at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. All registered members are urged to attend.



FIG. 93.—The Brain.

A cake sale is planned by Dignity/Merrimack Valley, to begin after the 10:30 pm mass at the Christian Formation Center, Andover, MA. Please bring your donations to the Oct. 11 meeting or to the Center, Sunday morning. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

## 13 mon

**Boston, Parents of Gays** is a new weekly "rap" session where parents can meet with a family counselor to help them understand their gay children. The first session is tonight at 7 pm at the HCHS offices, 80 Boylston St., room 855. For further info call David Griffiths, 542-5188 or 542-6075.

## 14 tues

WBCN's "Rally to register voters" at City Hall Plaza from 9:00 AM through 7:00 PM. On hand will be a number of musicians for your entertainment and the WBCN Crab Louie mobile unit — from which WBCN will be broadcasting. Come out and register to vote. It is your right, privilege, and obligation.

## 17 fri

**Disco Dance, Little Commons, Clark University, Worcester.** Sponsored by Clark-Holy Cross Gay People's Alliance to benefit Another Way Drop-in Center of Worcester. Clark students free, all others \$1.00. Beer 25c. From 9 pm on; open to the entire community.

## 19 sun

**Springfield Gay Alliance** will sponsor a dance at Blakes, 769 Worthington St., Springfield, at 8 pm. Lilith will provide the music, admission is \$2, with proceeds to benefit SGA building fund.

## 31 fri

**Boston, Halloween Disco Dance / Costume Party** at Charles Street Meetinghouse, 8-12 pm. Door prize, costume contest, music by Marlene, tickets \$1.50 benefit DOB/Lambda.



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### MONDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM.  
Noon—MCC campus ministry at RIC, Rm. 310 Student Union. Call 274-1693.  
5:30 pm—Women's community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge.  
7 pm—Gay Women's Rap Group, at Another Way, 64 Chandler St., Worcester, Ma. 756-0730  
7 pm—Parents of Gays, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Boston, (617) 542-6075  
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323.  
8:00 pm—Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 215 Park St., NH  
8 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe GSA, 1st fl. parlor, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard.  
8:30 pm—Alcoholics Together, 290 Westminster St., Prov. RI (401) 274-4737.  
8:00 pm—Lesbian rap and action group; Cambridge Women's Center basement; (617) 354-8807.  
8:30 pm—Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group (203) 522-2646.

### TUESDAYS

10-11 a.m.—Drinking Problem discussion group, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Boston (617) 542-6075  
6-9—Homophile Community Health Counseling (401) 274-4737  
7:00 pm—Pot-Luck Supper, MCC, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence.  
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm 323.  
8:00 pm—Springfield Gay Alliance, (1st and 3rd Tuesdays), First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield.  
8 pm—Coming Out Rap for gay men, CSMH, 70 Charles St., Boston

8:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR, 90.9 FM.  
8:00pm—Homophile Union of Massachusetts, business and social, Burbank Hospital, Health Clinic, Fitchburg, MA

### WEDNESDAYS

12-8 pm—Provincetown Drop-in Center has these hours especially for gay Problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide.  
6:30-0 pm—Gay Health Night at Fenway Community Health Center, 267-7573.  
7:00—Men's Rap Group, 64 Chandler St., Worcester, Mass. Call 756-0730.  
7 pm—Open Rap, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence, R.I. (401) 274-1693  
7:00 pm—Liberation Rap Group (617) 756-0730.  
7 pm—Framingham Unicorn Society meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday; Box 163, Framingham, MA 01701  
7 pm—MCC religious dialogue at 63 Chapin St., Providence  
8 pm—B.U. Gays  
8:30 pm—Alcoholics Together, St. John of the Evangelist Church, 33 Bowdoin St., Boston.  
10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays).

### THURSDAYS

7:00 pm—Gay Support and Action Group, Bangor, Maine.  
7:00 pm—Gay Alcoholics, St. Vincents Hospital, Worcester.  
7 pm—Alcoholics Together, 64 Chandler St., Worcester, Ma. 756-0730  
7 pm—MCC open rap, 63 Chapin St., Providence  
8 pm—Capital Dist. Gay Comm. Council, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, NY 12210  
8 pm—Rap group for older gay men, CSMH, 70 Charles St., Boston

### FRIDAYS

7:00 pm—Alcoholics Together, Worcester, 756-0730, 754-7817.  
7:00 pm—Golden Gays, social meeting, Charles Street Meetinghouse Coffee Shop.  
7:30 pm—Rap group for men & women, MGTF, 193 Middle St., Portland, Me.  
8-11 pm—"Open house at the parsonage," MCC/Providence, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence  
8:00 pm—"Somewhere Coffeehouse," MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford.  
8:00 pm—Health Clinic, Burbank Hospital Fitchburg, MA.  
8:00 pm—DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323, Boston.  
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge.  
8:00 pm—KALOS, Hartford, CT, 568-2656.  
8:00 pm—Lesbian Mothers group; 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA (617) 354-8807.  
8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.  
9 pm—Coffee House, 64 Chandler St., Worcester.

### SATURDAYS

3:00 pm—Soccer for dykes & fags, Hatch Shell, Esplanade, Boston.  
3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW, 91.3 FM.  
8:00 pm—Gay Support and Action, dance at 23 Franklin St., Bangor, ME.  
8:00 pm—East Conn. Gay Alliance, 889-7530.  
8-11 pm—"Open house at the parsonage," MCC, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence.  
8:00 pm—MCC/Hartford Drop-in Center, 11 Amity, St.

### SUNDAYS

10:30 am—"Closet Space," WCAS 740 AM.  
2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence Rap, etc., 942 2094.  
2:00 p 1—Gay Volleyball, call 241-8357.  
2:30 pm—"Gay A's" Alcoholics Rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.  
4-6 pm—Gay Women's Group of Providence Rap, (401) 831-5184.  
4:00 pm—Dignity Rap Group (except 1st Sunday of every month when it will follow Dignity meeting at 3 pm), St. Clements Church, 1101 Boylston St., Boston.  
4:00 pm—MIT-SHL (1st and 3rd Sunday), Rm 50-306.  
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clements Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston.  
6:30 pm—Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, ME.  
7:00 pm—Metropolitan Community Church worship service, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence (401) 274-1693.  
7:00 pm—MCC/Boston, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.  
7:00 pm—MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester.  
7:00 pm—Church of the Eternal Flame Universal, 320 Farmington Ave., Apt. A-6, Hartford, CT.  
7:30 pm—MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.  
8:00 pm—Worcester Homophile Organization, (formerly W.G.U.), 892-9113 for meeting place.

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